MINUTES FOR BETHANY COLLEGE
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Meeting on 15th February 2016

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**Attendees:** Tracey Gillon-Smith, Marijana Skoflic, Raquel Spratt, Robert Scagliotti, Martha Rice, Clare Haralambedis, Christina Argyri, Arnold Lewis, Karen Cotogno-Young, Caterina Georgiou, Voula Bitzos, Desiree Djundja, Tony Breen, Eileen Brennan, Sogna Carlucci, Tanya Moody, Vesna Mihaljevic, Val Todoroski, Sonia Bennett, Jane Gleeson, Lorraine Lewis-Deshpande, Romana Kulchar, Dominique Grady, Kelly Efremidis, Vicki Lavorato, Jacinta Russo, Gregg Conroy.

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<td>1. Welcome &amp; Prayer</td>
<td>Marijana welcomed everyone and led us in a prayer</td>
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<td>2. Apologies</td>
<td>Apologies received and noted from Michael Hollis</td>
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<td>3. Mail in / out</td>
<td>Bank statement was received.</td>
<td>Kelly</td>
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<td>4. Minutes of last Meeting</td>
<td>Marijana requested the minutes from the last meeting be read and proposed the previous minutes be accepted. Move by: Tracey Gillon Smith Seconded by: Robert Scagliotti The previous minutes were accepted.</td>
<td>Marijana</td>
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<td>5. Actions from Previous Mtg</td>
<td><strong>BYOD</strong> - investigation around pricing decided it was best to go through the SCS systems portal. Committee will be testing devices around Term 2. Will apply to the Year 7 and Year 10 in 2017, more of that next meeting. Marijana &amp; Kelly met with David Coleman in October, discussed funding by way of a grant that we can apply for in April. Also raised the issue of extending the drop zone in Waratah St to which he said he would look into.</td>
<td>Vicki</td>
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Meet our new Leadership Team members

- Leader of RE & Mission: Diane Kenough
- Leader of Pedagogy: Katherine Maish
- English Coordinator: Brad Gillieatt
- Performing Arts Coordinator: Damian Bernardo
- Asst HSIE Coordinator: Kelly Smit

Report on Plant and Facilities upgrades

- Total refurbishment of Visual Art rooms
- Creation of additional drama space in Marian
- Creation of stage wing in Yallunga Theatrette
- Creation of new Digital Media Workshop in Marian
- New resources for Music (piano, iMac desktops)
- Refurbishment of Chapel
- Carpets cleaned
- COLA over Penola (complications have delayed this)
- New sewage lines in main toilet block

HSC 2015 Report

- 136 candidates each awarded the HSC.
- 11 candidates elected not to present for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
- 125 candidates opted to present for an ATAR.
- 47 out of the 125 ATAR candidates (38%) achieved at least one mention on the Premier’s Distinguished Achiever’s list.
- BCH ranked 109th out of 641 schools in NSW; top 17% of ALL schools and an improvement on 137th in 2014.
- 2 mentions on the All-Rounder’s list (Eugenia Alabasinis, Teresa Repice)
- First Place in Course: Teresa Repice in Dance.
- Others: 4th in Dance (Mariah Ahladiotis), 5th in Spanish (Natalia Sabatino), 3rd Macedonian (Angelina Klimovski)
- 102 mentions on the Distinguished Achiever’s (DA) list
- 87% of all courses at Bethany were above the State average.
- 108 First Round offers any UAC. We have yet to receive date on further rounds or private university.
- 32 (to date) have chosen careers in science, nursing, engineering, applied science, medicine.

Communication with parents

Parent portal (newsletter can be found here)
Skoolbag

Themes for 2016

Academic: Self-Directed Learners
Spiritual: Year of Mercy, "Be merciful like the father"

Fundraising event Friday 26th August
| 7. 2016 Fundraising | • Bethany in Action Day - 8th March. Email survey was sent out for volunteers for the BBQ, Kelly to correlate and organise roster.  
• Cookbook - fundraiser, where students and families submit recipes and produce a book which will then be sold to the school community. A sub committee will be formed which will then liaise with Vicki and the SRC  
• Entertainment book - an option was presented to sell books to families as a fundraising idea, it was decided that we should only go with one for this year and it will be the cookbook. | Marijuana |
| 8. Treasurer's Report | Bank Account balance as at Dec 2015 - $16091.76  
Bank account has been audited for 2015, the fund raising activities and bank interest generated a net surplus of $1193.38. | Sonia |
| 9. General Business | • Pick up/Drop off zone Waratah St - Vicki to continue to talk with council, Jacinta to have meeting with council about having barriers erected on corner of Croyden and Forest. The school will continue looking at all aspects and solutions to rectify the situation.  
• Change in textbook supplier from Endeavor to Campion Education - better experience, easier to navigate  
• Survey on textbooks - what texts are being used and what are not.  
• School discos - look at holding a year 7 & 8 dance  
Meeting closed at 8.15pm, next meeting will be 9th May 7pm. | Vicki |